

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
JANUARY 7, 2010**

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Thursday, January 7, 2010 in the Theater Room of the Jasper Public Library located at 1116 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana. The Council and the Jasper Public Library Board met in a joint session.

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Roll Call.

In the absence of the Clerk Treasurer, Mayor Schmitt called the roll:

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Council members:	
John Schroeder	Present
David Prectel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present [until 5:38 p.m.]
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Absent
Financial Coordinator Sharon Sander served in the absence of Clerk-Treasurer Boehm.	

Purpose. Because the Library Board will have to ask for approval for their bonding from the City Council, the two Boards decided to have a joint meeting so the Library Board could explain their proposed building plans.

Tour. A tour of the facility was given.

Business. After the tour, a brief history of the library building was presented as well as the reasons the Library Board feels a new library is necessary.

A report entitled "Preliminary Estimates of Project Cost and Bond Sizing to Tax Rates", a report entitled "Preliminary Estimated Residential and Farmland Property Tax Impacts", and a site study documents were distributed. Mike Montgomery, representing KRM Architecture, explained the site study that consisted of two locations, the existing site on Main Street and the South Newton Street site.

The study contained the following phases:

Phase 1A Existing site location, 23,300 sq. ft., \$5,262,313 project cost;
\$5,447,813 with financing
Remodel existing building plus construct a new addition

Phase 1B Existing site location, 23,300 sq. ft., \$5,391,403 project cost;
\$5,578,203 with financing
Demolish existing building and construct new building

Phase 2 Existing site location, 23,300 sq. ft., \$5,755,029 project cost;
\$5,945,029 with financing
Demolish existing building and construct a new building and parking lot north of
12th St.

Phase 3 Existing site location, 33,400 sq. ft., \$7,655,542 project cost;
\$7,865,242 with financing
Demolish existing building, construct new building, expand parking lot and
building to the north.

Phase 4 South Newton Street site location, 23,300 sq. ft., \$6,211,670 project cost;
\$6,406,770 with financing

Board members were then given the opportunity to ask questions and/or make
comments.

Eric Baugh, an accountant with London Witte Group, presented the estimated
financing information for each phase. The report contained such things as the
bond size, annual tax levy, tax rate based on the 2008/pay 2009 assessed value.
He then gave the impact the tax rate would have on residential housing when
applied to various levels of assessed value.

There was some discussion about such things as having the voters decide the fate
of the library project by a referendum ballot and about what comments are being
made by the public. During the discussion, several questions arose such as can
they have a referendum if it is not a controlled project and could there be a ballot
question about the bond amount and about site selection.

The council members were then asked what project phase they favored. Council
members Thomas Schmidt and Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter said Phase 2, Council
members David Prechtel, John Schroeder, and Kevin Manley said Phase 2 or 3,
and Council member Randall Buchta said Phase 3 if we can afford it.
[Council member Raymond Howard left earlier in the meeting.]

The consensus seemed to be to have a referendum if possible so the voters can
decide if they are or are not in favor of the library building project and in hopes of
keeping the debt service tax levy outside the circuit breaker property tax caps.

Bill Shaneyfelt, attorney for the library building project, said he would seek
additional input from the Library Board's bond counsel regarding some questions
about referendums mentioned during this meeting.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a
motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council
member David Prechtel to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the
meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without correction of clarification this 17th day of February, 2010.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest.

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer